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To retired Navy Admiral and former CIA Director Stansfield Turner—for (inadvertently) admitting why he is no longer Director of Central Intelligence. In a *New York Times Magazine* article of March 29th, "Why We Shouldn't Build the M-X," Turner wrote, "To construct a base for it will require, according to some estimates, 40% of the country's total cement production for three years." He must have gotten the numbers from the same sources he got his optimistic mid-1978 intelligence on Iran, and checked them about as carelessly: He's only off by a factor of *forty*. USAF tells us that the *total* M-X cement need will be about 1½-million tons over an eight-year period, or about ½ of one percent of US production. Admiral Turner is said to be lecturing, consulting, and writing a book about military strategy. That's hilarious!

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